



“BAT WEEK”

AT ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
680 HUDSON ROAD, SUDBURY MASSACHUSETTS

KIDS 2-5:

REFUGE FLEDGLINGS HOUR (Friday Oct. 28th, 10:30am-11:30am) Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. This month is bats! Programs will be held the 4th Friday of every month; siblings welcome.

KIDS 5+:

INTRO TO BATS FOR KIDS (Saturday Oct. 29th, 1:00pm-3:00pm) Come to the Visitor Center and submerge yourself in the world of bats! Learn about how bats live and what makes them tick through craft and play. Let us know how many children plan on attending so we can be prepared. (timothy_puopolo@fws.gov)

ADULTS:

MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES: BATS! (Wednesday Oct. 26th, 7:00pm-8:30pm) During this presentation you will learn about what makes bats unique, the nine bat species that live in Massachusetts, what research is being done to combat white-nose syndrome, and what you can do to help bats. About the speaker: Katherine Gillman is a graduate student at the University of New Hampshire where she studies the impact of white-nose syndrome on summer maternity colonies of little brown bats. Katherine has been studying bats for the past seven years and is conducting her research in hopes of developing conservation strategies to help bats survive and recover from white-nose syndrome.

FUN FOR EVERYONE:

FULL MOON HIKE (Sunday Oct. 16th, 7:00pm-8:15pm) The October full moon is also known as the Hunter Moon, and it rises shortly after sunset. Meet outside the Visitor Center for a moonlit hike where we'll learn what the month of October means to the local wildlife.

SHOWING OF: “BAT CITY USA” (Thursday Oct. 27th, 7:00pm-8:30pm) Movie night! This documentary delves into one city's complicated relationship with bats and how the residents transitioned from hostility to understanding. Join us for popcorn and informal discussion afterward. (Runtime: 52 min.)

BAT BOX WORKSHOP (Sunday Oct. 30th, 11:00am-12:30pm) Join us at the Visitor Center where we'll learn all about how bat boxes help the ecological strength of our community. After a presentation, we'll build bat boxes of our own to take home. Materials are free of charge courtesy of the Friends of Assabet River NWR. One bat box per individual/family. Must **RSVP**, to Jared_Green@fws.gov limited to 15 participants.

All programs take place at the Assabet River NWR Visitor Center (680 Hudson Road, Sudbury)

For questions about programs and tours, contact Tim at timothy_puopolo@fws.gov or (978) 265-7467

